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GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP TAKES OUT THE TRASH

Eureka – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Keep California Beautiful partnered on a statewide litter removal event on March 4, 2008. This event was a national kickoff for the Keep America Beautiful *Great American Cleanup*. Cleanup events were held throughout the state.

"This event highlights the seriousness of the litter problem in California and how it requires involvement between many public and private groups," said District 1 Director Charlie Fielder.

In Lake and Mendocino Counties Caltrans crews were assisted by CAL FIRE inmate crews. The California Conservation Corp also provided a crew to remove trash along Route 101 just north of Ukiah.

Granite Construction Company employees removed trash from the section of Route 101 near Ukiah that they adopted in 2005 under the Adopt-A-Highway Program. "The Adopt-A-Highway program provides Granite Construction Company's North Coast Branch a great opportunity for environmentally responsible action in the communities we serve," said Tony Shaw, Public Affairs and Resource Development Coordinator for Granite.

The Adopt-A-Highway Program, which began in 1989, is a successful government-volunteer partnership. Currently in District 1, the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, or businesses to help maintain a section of roadside within the California Highway system. Anyone interested in the Caltrans District 1 Adopt-A-Highway Program may call Nita Brake-Mills at 707-441-5761.

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